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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006. This Action sets a three month shortened statutory period for response. This response is being filed within this time period. Therefore, no extension fees are required.

**Amendments** to the application begin on page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.

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